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aid of books and upon deliberation, he is able to clear up difficult questions. 3. In a sufficient degree, *i. e.*, in a manner that enables him to discharge the duties of his office."

While, as the author tells us in his preface, the work was designed for the use of students in the seminary, we can imagine no book more truly invaluable either to the churchman or the layman than Dr. Smith's, and cheerfully recommend it to the careful study of all those who desire to comprehend the principles, the policy and aim of the Roman Church.

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THE LAW OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY, AND THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF BOARDS OF HEALTH. By LEROY PARKER and ROBERT H. WORTHINGTON. Albany, N. Y.: Matthew Bender, 1892.

The scope of this book and its method of treatment, one of the authors having had a practical experience in one of the best State Boards of Health in the United States, are such as to commend it to the professions, both of law and medicine.

As a manual for health officers, in our opinion, it is invaluable.

Every physician in general practice is confronted at times with important questions involving the public health which must be answered promptly and accurately; and we know of no single book wherein he will find so safe a guide as in this book.

About 2500 cases are cited, and, so far as we can see with the limited time at our disposal, the work appears to have been carefully done. The book deserves a much more extended notice, but we can conscientiously commend it as a valuable addition to legal literature.

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A Treatise on the Negligence of Municipal Corporations. By Dwight Orven Jones, author of "The Construction of Contracts." New York: Baker, Voorhis & Co., 1892.